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INTEREST

Attached to Diamond Jubilee of Printers' and Nightworkers' Church.

Week's Celebration Marks Prosperity of St. Andrew's Edifice.

Old Catholic Parish Has Grown With Help of Father Evers.

WASHINGTON'S HEADQUARTERS

Of all the church anniversaries which have been at one time or another celebrated in New York, none has ever had quite the interest that attaches to the celebration of the diamond jubilee from May 6 to May 13 of St. Andrew's Catholic church in Duane street, just back of the Municipal building. St. Andrew's is known far and wide as the printers' and nightworkers' church. Contiguous to the buildings occupied by four of the six English morning papers in New York, it was naturally selected when, some twenty years ago, Catholic printers and newspaper men, held to their duties until around 2 o'clock on Sunday morning, wanted to attend mass before retiring, instead of having their rest broken to either wait up for early masses of established hours or cut it off too short to get up to attend the high masses later in the morning.

Permission was obtained to celebrate a mass beginning at 2:30 on Sunday morning and it has proven successful. At every early service the church is thronged by Catholics who make their living, in one capacity or another, on the morning newspapers. Other nightworkers, too, helped to fill the congregation. The church has thus acquired a sort of "extra-territorial" status, inasmuch as the vast majority of its early mass live in widely scattered parishes in and around New York, but they have become a sort of auxiliary parish to the regular one assigned to Father Evers and his church.

Father Evers is really the very Rev. Monsignor Luke J. Evers, and it was under his charge that the night workers' mass was established and it has always been one of the most carefully nurtured works of the many which have distinguished the pastorate of Father Evers. In 1914 Cardinal Farley, in recognition of the energy and success of Father Evers, recommended him to Pope Pius X. for advancement, and he was made Papal Chamberlain with the title of Monsignor.

While the celebration marks the seventy-fifth year of the structure as a Catholic church, the building itself is just 100 years old and has had a most eventful history. It was originally built by the Universalists and used by them for worship for some years. In 1814 the congregation fell away, however, and in course of time the Methodists bought it and made it over. In time this congregation also vanished, following the trend of population uptown.

After the Methodists abandoned it was given over to trade and became in turn a wine house and a coconut warehouse. In 1840 an association of Catholics bought it and made it into the first Catholic club. It was called the Carroll Club in honor of Bishop Carroll, of Baltimore. At the time of the Know-Nothing agitation, and the fight against Catholicism, and the club was established to have a Catholic rallying point to meet the furious onslaughts. It was in Carroll Hall, as it was called, that Bishop Hughes, afterwards Archbishop of New York, made many of his notable addresses on the public school question, upholding the Catholic side of the contention. So acute did the matter become that the Catholics held a mass meeting in Carroll Hall four days prior to the election of 1840 and decided to act as a unit, and as a result obtained a status in public affairs that had previously been denied them.

The improvement of Catholic conditions which resulted prompted Bishop Hughes to establish a new parish, and he decided to remodel Carroll Hall into a church and placed it in charge of the Rev. Andrew Byrne. This same Father Byrne, incidentally, also established another parish in that same year, 1842, the Church of the Nativity, which is also to celebrate its diamond jubilee this year.

During its seventy-five years as a Catholic church, St. Andrew's has had but six pastors, including the incumbent. With the nineties the neighborhood had changed and it had become purely commercial one. This was the condition when Father Evers was given the pastorate in 1898. In fact he was really appointed to finally close it. He brought new ideas and new energy into the parish and has attained results which are considered marvellous by students of church development and decay in New York. It was Father Evers who first thought of the night workers and who realized that because of their hours of labor the majority of these were missing mass and gradually drifting away from the faith. It was not only the printers and the newspaper men he was thinking of. He counted up the Postoffice employees, the telephone

exchange workers, the telegraph operators, the workers of every sort and kind that human needs compel to work at night, and he set about establishing the new order of things and to the celebration of a mass which all of these men and women could reach conveniently and at an hour which made it possible to them. He finally secured the Archbishop's consent and the mass was established and is now in its seventeenth year.

The celebration has been a gala one. On the opening day, Sunday, May 6, there was a solemn Pontifical mass at which His Eminence Cardinal Farley presided on a throne in the sanctuary. The celebrant of the mass was the Right Rev. Bishop P. J. Hayes, who served as an altar boy in St. Andrew's until he left the parish to study for the priesthood. This was the first time since his altar boy days that he officiated at the altar of St. Andrew's. The sermon was preached by the Right Rev. Monsignor M. J. Lavelle, rector of St. Patrick's Cathedral. Monday morning the present rector, the Very Rev. Monsignor Evers, celebrated a solemn high mass of requiem for the former pastors and assistant priests of the church.

Tuesday morning the Rev. John B. McGrath, born in St. Andrew's parish, now pastor of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, celebrated a solemn mass of requiem for all the people of the parish who had died in the past seventy-five years.

Wednesday evening was "Old Home night," at which John F. Whalen presided. This celebration was held in the church basement, and addressed by Edward Murphy, on behalf of the old parishioners, and by Robert H. Deery, of the New York World, who told how the nightworkers appreciate their opportunity, and by Frank W. Smith, who talked for the people who attend the noonday service which Father Evers established for the day workers.

Friday and Saturday there were noonday masses, and the jubilee will end with solemn mass at 2:30 tomorrow morning, marking the seventeenth anniversary of the establishment of the nightworkers' mass.

The extent to which Father Evers has developed the popularity of the church can be judged from the fact that when he was placed in charge it was with instructions to continue the plan to find a new site, further uptown, and to wind up the affairs of St. Andrew's preparatory to abandonment. When he had made a study of the conditions which existed in his new parish, he asked and was given permission to try to revivify the church, and now the church is thriving, with its courage and resourcefulness. The nightworkers' mass was the first of its kind in the history of the Catholic church. Such masses are now said in nine other churches in New York and in eighteen in other sections of the country.

MOURN HER DEATH.

Widespread sorrow prevailed through New Albany Saturday night when the news spread that Mrs. Sarah Buechler, widow of Christopher Buechler, had passed away at St. Edward's Hospital. She was sixty-three years old and had long been a resident of New Albany. Surviving her are a daughter, Mrs. J. C. Davis, of Chicago, Ill.; Michael Caulfield, of New Albany, and William Caulfield, of Indianapolis, and a step-daughter, Mrs. Anna Schierjohann, of New Albany. She also is survived by two brothers, Capt. John J. Lyons, of New Albany, and Michael Lyons, of Hoboken, N. J., and a sister, Mrs. Catherine McLaughlin, of New Albany. The funeral took place Monday morning from Holy Trinity church, Rev. Father Curran celebrating the requiem mass.

K. OF C. INITIATION.

The local council of the Knights of Columbus will initiate a class of sixty tomorrow afternoon at the club house and will give a banquet to the members and candidates at the Tyler Hotel. The first and second degrees will be conferred by the Louisville Council, while the third degree will be given by a team from Chicago headed by Messrs. Coffey and Coens. The programme for the banquet is as follows: Toastmaster, Joseph Paegle; President, Thomas D. O'Donoghue; "Patriotism," Very Rev. T. L. Crowley, O. P.; "The Catholic Layman," M. J. Hennessy, of Augusta; "The Church and Society," Rev. Edwin Rowan, C. P.; "Your Council and Mine," Camden R. McAdams. The banquet will be served at 8:30 o'clock.

BISHOP'S GOLDEN JUBILEE.

The fiftieth anniversary of the ordination to the priesthood of the Right Rev. Thomas Grace will be celebrated on June 24 in the Cathedral at Sacramento, Cal. It was hoped that a great public testimonial could be given the Bishop in which Protestants and Jews would unite, as well as Catholics, in order to give evidence of the respect, esteem and affection in which all classes and all creeds hold him, but the Bishop forbade any testimonial or public function to be attempted. Bishop Grace, who was born in Wexford, Ireland, in 1841, was educated at St. Peter's in that city. His ecclesiastical studies were at All Hallows College at Dublin, Ireland, and he was ordained to the priesthood on June 24, 1867. Shortly thereafter he went to California via the Isthmus. He was pastor at Maryville for eight years. From 1881 to 1898 he was pastor at Sacramento, was pronounced as Bishop on February 27, 1896, and consecrated Bishop of the Sacramento diocese on June 16 of the same year.

JUST PLEA

Father McMahon Says Request of Our Congressmen Was Proper.

Englishmen Will Welcome This Expression of American Opinion.

Ireland Will Not Listen to Any Offers of Partial Home Rule.

FEDERATED COUNTIES SOLUTION

The cablegram addressed by members of the House of Representatives to David Lloyd George asking that England settle the Irish problem follows logically upon President Wilson's statement of the aims of the United States in the war, according to the Rev. Joseph H. McMahon, pastor of the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, and well known as one of the most eloquent and brilliant speakers among the Catholic clergy of New York. Father McMahon was interviewed at the rectory of Our Lady of Lourdes while discussion of the cablegram to Lloyd George was at its warmest. In presenting his view of the case he remarked that he did not think it had been emphasized before in the newspapers, despite the multitude of opinions from men interested in Ireland which had been printed.

"England is always singing a hymn of hate against Ireland!" he exclaimed. "I tell you, it comes to this: Whenever Englishmen get talking about Ireland they see red in the first place, and in the second place they are deprived of the power of logical reasoning! The time has come for the righting of Ireland's wrongs. The action of those Americans in Congress was in no sense uncalled for. It was absolutely necessary. It is our business, if we are in this war to defend subject nations and help give every nation its God-given right, to see that Ireland gets justice."

"A notable feature of the war in this country is that Irish-Americans try to do nothing that they will not fight, that they will not do everything within their power to beat Germany. What I mean is that they are fighting for France, for Belgium, for Russia—not for England! The reason for this is not antagonism between the United States and this matter. It is the antagonism of the Irish element in this country toward England on account of her treatment of Ireland. Unless England eradicates that antagonism it will work seriously against her in this war."

"Why should any one say that we are intruding upon England's internal concerns when we urge her to solve the Irish question? Did not England accept a loan the other day of millions of dollars of our money? Did not mixing in the internal concerns of other nations we are not meddling in her private concerns when we provide her with shipping. Yet if we ask England to give Ireland the rights of a small nation it is interference. England ought to recognize that the basic reason for our demanding these things is that we are fighting in a common cause—the protection of small nations. She should realize that and remove the Irish sore from the body politic of Europe."

"I welcome the interference of the United States in this matter. The surest means of making England solve the Irish question before there is a revolution. England is driving the blood of Ireland back to hopeless, bloodthirsty methods of asserting their rights which have not the faintest hope of success. The action in Congress will have a most salutary effect. Those Englishmen who have at last recognized the justice of Ireland's claim and who sympathize with the Irish in their struggle for home rule will find this expression of American opinion and will convince the Unionists—men like Lord Devonshire and Bonar Law, Ireland's greatest enemies—that public opinion is against them, that they can not any longer play their hypocritical, Pharisaical game of fighting for small nations yet maltreat Ireland at the same time. Common decency will compel a change."

"This effect upon England of the American action will be noticeable very soon. Even before the war the Irish question had reached an acute stage and was pressing hard for solution. Now it simply must be solved. No nation, however strong it may be, can fight a war against a foreign enemy with another enemy at its vitals. This has been shown by the problem forced upon Germany by the German Socialists."

"There are 40,000 English troops garrisoning Ireland—two whole divisions!—which should be in the trenches with Haig. It is ridiculous that they should be forced to do police work and worse than police work in a part of the British Empire which should be among the most loyal of all."

"Ireland will not listen any more to offers of partial home rule. She went to war trusting to England's pledged word. But partial home rule has never been given. How can England hold up her head among the nations of the earth after betraying the Irish people?"

"Now Ireland will never submit to dismemberment. She would have

accepted partial home rule at the beginning of the war, but now that England has broken faith she will insist on greater concessions. The project to have federated counties similar to the federated States of this country seems to me the ablest solution presented so far."

"The Irish question is a matter of common sense. England must put statecraft aside, drop politics and heal her own sore."

RECENT DEATHS.

Tuesday morning the funeral of John T. Smith, beloved husband of Anne Burns Smith, 4408 West Chestnut street, was held from St. Charles church, of which he was a faithful member. He was sixty-four years old and long with the Drummond Manufacturing Company. Besides his wife he leaves eight children.

With the death of Stephen Mathews, sixty-two years old, 1432 Park boulevard, the city loses another industrious and respected citizen. His wife, Mrs. Catherine Mathews, six children, three brothers and two grandchildren survive him. The funeral was held Thursday morning from St. Leo's church and was attended by many friends who mourn his death.

The funeral of Miss Josie Scully took place from Dougherty & McElliott's chapel Wednesday morning at 8:30 and from St. Louis Bertrand's church at 9 o'clock. Besides her sister, Mrs. Margaret Riley, of 1130 Seventh street, she left survived by the following nieces and nephews: Mrs. John E. Pendergast, Miss Katie Clark, Miss Mayne Riley, James, David and John Riley. The interment was in St. John's cemetery.

Mrs. Mary Haller, aged eighty-three, 821 East Madison street, passed away Sunday evening, taking from St. Martin's church another devout and old member. Her funeral was held Wednesday morning, attended by many of her old friends and associates. Mrs. Haller is survived by three daughters, Miss Frances Haller, Mrs. Peter Eber and Mrs. William Brander; two sons, Jacob and Paul Haller, and three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Early Tuesday morning Mrs. Josephine Quinlan, aged fifty-five, widow of Michael J. Quinlan, was released from earthly suffering at her home, 1054 South Eighteenth street. Mrs. Quinlan was an active worker and member of St. William's church, where the funeral was held Thursday morning, attended by many mourning friends. She leaves two daughters, Misses Mabel and Edna Quinlan, and three sons, Mrs. Peter Richards, of New Albany; Mrs. John Davidson, of Minneapolis, and Mrs. Edward Cradick, and a brother, Charles Malsion.

The funeral of Edward L. Edelen, who died at Western Hill Sanitarium Saturday, took place from Thomas Keenan's chapel Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The deceased was a former employee of the Park Commissioners on the golf links and tennis courts, when he was killed by a horse in 1914. He was a kindly and generous man, and his death was a great loss to his family. He is survived by three brothers, Eardin H. George L. and Richard Edelen. The interment was in St. Louis cemetery.

COOPER STATE DEPUTY.

The Kentucky State Council, Knights of Columbus, in session at Bowling Green, on Tuesday adopted resolutions commending those counties in which the Democratic party is in the majority. The resolutions recognize the patriotism of their members enlisting in the armed forces of the United States, remitted all dues, excepting only the premiums of insurance members. Councils which have not taken such action are urged to do so. Officers elected to serve during the ensuing year were D. M. Cooper, Elizabethtown, State Deputy; George A. Burkle, Louisville, State Secretary; Henry Whelan, Bardonia, State Treasurer; John W. O'Brien, Lexington, D. M. Cooper, Dr. J. W. O'Connor, Elizabethtown, State Warden; the Rev. John F. Kne, McQuaddy, State Chaplain. Delegates selected to attend the meeting of the Supreme Council in Norfolk in August were John W. O'Brien, Lexington, D. M. Cooper, Elizabethtown, and Fred J. Keun, Bowling Green.

EUCHE and LOTTO.

There will be a eucure and lotto party in St. Columba's Hall, Thirty-fifth and Jefferson next Tuesday afternoon and evening, for which there will be the usual handsome awards. The games will begin at 2:30 and 8 o'clock, and from 5 to 7:30 the ladies will serve a substantial luncheon.

CANDIDATES

For Democratic Party Nominations Now Getting Busy in Real Earnest.

Brumleve For Mayor Furnishing Campaign Material For Republicans.

Supporters Who Are Real Democrats Being Placed in Embarrassing Position.

JOE STEURLE FOR CITY AUDITOR

With the primary less than three months off, candidates for the Democratic nominations have gone to work in real earnest and the different club meetings are never short of speakers in the person of the candidates who are hustling for the different nominations. There were three lively meetings held this past week, the first ward, Eleventh and Twelfth wards and Bandana clubs being the rendezvous of the candidates and their friends. At the meeting of the Eleventh ward and Twelfth wards Ben Brumleve, candidate of the disgruntled ones for Mayor, distinguished himself by playing to the Republican gallery, his speech being received with much pleasure by the Louisville Herald, which will use Mr. Brumleve's remarks later in the behalf of Maas, the Republican candidate for Mayor. All of this has been pointed out to Mr. Brumleve and the few Democrats behind his candidacy who have any following, but it seems the latter are in the minority and his campaign for the Democratic nomination is controlled by men who will be found in the Republican ranks after August 4, and they are using Brumleve now simply for a tool, and it must be confessed he has been a willing and pliant tool thus far.

There are a few Democrats in the West End supporting Mr. Brumleve for Mayor, who are supporting him in good faith, and they will be found supporting Mr. Cronan and the Democratic ticket in the fall, but they are outnumbered by the disgruntled ones and down-and-outers, who will be found in the Maas and Chilton-Searcy camp. The Brumleve strength to date consists mainly of discharged policemen and firemen, and office-holders of the Pfanztyl type, men who are sorry to leave the Democratic party didn't choose to keep them in office for life and then allow them to pass the office on to their relations. In his speech the other night Mr. Brumleve said that over 1,000 Democrats told him that they were opposed to the Democratic party that they intended to have voted the Republican ticket in November if he hadn't announced for the nomination. This statement sounds true about voting the Republican ticket in November, but the average Democrat will have to accept the figures with a grain of salt, as there is not quite 1,000 sorehead Democrats in Louisville. Then again Mr. Brumleve flatters himself as to his strength, as in his last race for Park Commissioner he was beaten badly by the Democratic young man, who could be classed as first starters according to the racing form.

A rousing meeting was held in the First ward the other night, which was addressed by Senator Sam Robertson, Dr. H. E. Mechlins, J. T. McNally, M. B. Kendrick and others. Senator Robertson in his speech said that "When the election on State-wide prohibition rolls around, as it is bound to in 1919, it will be comforting to liberate some of the hard-boiled members of the Board of Commissioners a man who will be fair in consideration of their interests." M. B. Kendrick, candidate for Magistrate, received the pledged support of many of the First ward Democrats present and his friends declared his election in the primary. Before adjourning the club endorsed Dr. H. E. Mechlins for Coroner, several expressing the belief that Dr. Duncan was not eligible for re-election. In reference to Senator Robertson's remarks the club seems to be the prevailing sentiment among the Democratic voters of whom like Mr. McNally personally, but dread the interference of the Haly-Beckham regime in Louisville politics.

Joseph L. Steurle, the moving picture promoter, announced as a candidate for Auditor this week, and it is expected that he will introduce a few up-to-date movie thrills in promoting his candidacy. It is presumed that Auditor Allen, the present incumbent, will also announce. Another candidate who is now prosecuting an active canvass is Thomas E. Hall for Police Judge, one of his backers stating that his biggest boosters were police, who are bitterly opposing Judge Boldrick for some reason or another. County Attorney Scott Bullitt, Jailer Charles Foster, Adolph Schmitt for Tax Receiver, Pres Ray for County Clerk, Allen Smith for County Assessor and Clay Hall for Police Court Clerk have no opposition, though it is rumored that Frank Schuster, of the County Clerk's office, will announce for Assessor in the next few days.

It is reported that the Republicans have patched up their differences and will placate Huston Quinn, an aspirant for the Mayoralty nomination, by naming him for County Attorney and lining up ex-Mayor

Grinstead with the nomination for Tax Receiver. Herman Monroe will be selected for Jailer, while National Committeeman Hers will select the nominee for County Clerk. The only fly in the ointment seems to be that Undertaker Maas, the Chilton-Searcy choice for Mayor, is not disposed to open up a campaign barrel, and as the O. P. members, and especially the colored brothers, were spoiled last year with the big war of Hughes-Fairbanks money, this is proving a serious obstacle for the Republican machine to overcome.

TRINITY COUNCIL.

The meeting at Trinity Council Monday evening was of the kind that keeps up good attendance, being full of discussion and action, the younger element leading in the oratory. Committee reports were all very encouraging, and the fact that summer is rapidly approaching was evidenced by the requests of the Moonlight Excursion and Picnic Committees. The bowling alleys, under the temporary management of the genial J. Carlyle Schmitt during the enforced absence of Manager C. Ed Mueller, continue to be the principal attraction, especially during the cold weather. The Literary Committee announced the following programme for the months of May and June. On Monday evening, May 14, Rev. P. M. Monaghan, Chairman of the committee, is going to deliver a lecture on "Father Damien, the leper martyr, and the writer is in a position to say that there is no one better versed on the subject than Father Monaghan, which means that it will be easily one of the principal features of the entire literary programme and a large attendance is expected to hear it. On May 28 Dr. W. B. Doherty will address the council on a subject to be announced later. Joseph Schlachter and Dr. J. B. Voor will be heard on June 11 and 25 respectively.

MISS KALAHER DEAD.

It was with surprise and sorrow that the many friends of Miss Nora Kalaher heard of her death on Tuesday at St. Joseph's Infirmary. Her very closest friends were unaware of her serious condition until she was removed to the infirmary. Miss Kalaher received treatment at the infirmary and cheerfully went to the operating table. The operation was completed when the heart action ceased and she went to receive the reward of a good Christian life, fully prepared to meet her God. She is survived by two brothers, Rev. Father John D. Kalaher, pastor of the Columba's church, and Martin Kalaher, Deputy County Assessor, and one sister, Miss Mary Ellen Kalaher. The number of people that called at her home to pay their last tribute of love to the deceased testified to the esteem in which she was held by a large circle of friends. The funeral was held Thursday morning from St. Columba's church with solemn high mass of requiem. To the brothers and sisters is extended the sympathy of many friends and acquaintances.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT COMING.

Thursday night announcement was made at the meeting of the Hibernian Ladies' Auxiliary that Mrs. Mary McWhorter, of Chicago, the National President, would visit Louisville and be the guest of the local auxiliary on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 22 and 23. Committees were appointed to prepare a programme for her reception and public meetings. This will be the first visit ever made to Louisville by President McWhorter of the Ladies' Auxiliary, and will therefore be an occasion of much interest in Hibernian circles. Next week we will publish the full programme.

PASTOR CRAIK LEAVES.

Rev. Charles Ewell Craik, dean of Christ Church Cathedral, has resigned and will retire to private life. Dr. Craik is one of the best known Episcopal ministers in the country, and among Catholics was highly respected. Last September Dr. Craik had a narrow escape from death when an interurban car struck his automobile, and it is thought that this and his injuries caused his retirement. Dr. Craik has been in charge of Christ Church Cathedral for thirty-four years and his father before him, the Rev. Dr. James Craik, was at the head of the church for thirty-eight years. By his retirement the local ministry loses one of its best lights and a man whom his congregation will miss.

DR. GAUDIN TO LECTURE.

Dr. Felix Gaudin, of New Orleans, Supreme President of the Catholic Knights of America, will be in Louisville on Sunday, May 20, when he will deliver his great illustrated lecture on "The Founder of the Catholic Church and His Followers." The lecture will take place in St. Martin's Hall and will be a feature of the week's musical programme.

CONFIRMATION.

On Thursday the Right Rev. Bishop O'Donoghue administered the sacrament of confirmation to a class of grown people at the Home of the Aged and Infirm on Tenth street. The class had been prepared by the Rev. Francis O'Connor, of the Cathedral, and the occasion was made a holiday for the old people, who are well cared for by the Little Sisters of the Poor.

INDIANAPOLIS MISSION.

Rev. Father Cyril Meis, O. P., of the Sacred Heart Retreat, is in Indianapolis, where last Sunday he opened a two weeks' mission.

BALFOUR

Won Over to Irish Home Rule by Americans Since His Arrival.

Believed in Washington He Will Urge Speedy Parliamentary Action.

Suggestions Made by President Wilson Already Bearing Fruit.

CABLEGRAMS SENT TO LONDON

The Chicago Tribune correspondent, writing from London, says that American public opinion in favor of Irish home rule is being favorably received not only in England but by members of the British War Commission, including Arthur James Balfour, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, has been demonstrated within the last few days. As a result of the utterances of prominent Americans in public life, as well as the efforts of Irish-Americans urging immediate establishment of home rule, it is said by men in close touch with Balfour on the subject that he proposes to cable Lloyd George and the British Parliament urging speedy settlement of the Irish question as an inducement to whole-hearted co-operation of the United States and Great Britain in prosecution of the war. Mr. Balfour has had several important conferences on the subject. In one of them Congressman McNeill McCormick, Judge Marcus Kavanagh and Judge John P. McGorty, of Chicago, were most favorably impressed with the attitude of the British Foreign Minister on the subject. Later Balfour discussed the issue with Representative McCormick and is to see him again before leaving Washington. In these conferences there was discussion of Representative McCormick's resolution introduced April 9, providing that the House send its greetings to the governments of allied nations, expressing the hope that peace would witness the restoration of Belgium and Serbia and the establishment of a united self-governing Ireland and Poland, and it can be stated that representatives of the British Commission look upon it with favor.

One of the prominent members of the British mission told Mr. McCormick that he approved his resolution most thoroughly. The State Department also has had the McCormick resolution under deliberation and within a fortnight is expected to assent to a favorable report on the measure or one in terms similar thereto. The conferences here have established the fact that the British Government is anxious to have the Irish question settled as soon as possible in order to avert a threatened outbreak. Only four countries in Ireland are holding out against the settlement of the issue, Antrim, Down, Londonderry and Armagh. In this situation Lloyd George, it is declared, is anxious to secure American opinion, conscious of the fact that it is having a great influence upon the political leaders in these four counties.

Within the week past have been cabled to London the opinions of many prominent Americans on this subject. Copies also have been delivered to Balfour here. Among other opinions are the following: Theodore Roosevelt—I speak as a friend of England, not as a well-wisher to the British empire, and a man who has ardently championed the case of the Allies, and has done all in his power to bring America into the war on their side—and who will now fight beside them if his Government permits him. I most earnestly hope that full home rule will be given Ireland; home rule relatively to the empire such as Texas or Maine or Oregon now enjoys relatively to the National Government at Washington.

William H. Taft—We in the United States are hoping earnestly for a speedy settlement of the Irish home rule question. It would help to solidify and hearten American public sentiment in the great cause for which the democracies of Great Britain, France, Russia, Italy and the United States are fighting shoulder to shoulder and which they must and will win.

John Purroy Mitchell—We hope not only in the interests of Ireland and of Great Britain but in the interests of the great struggle in which America now is engaged that home rule may be accorded in generous manner to Ireland.

SOCIETY JUBILEE.

Tomorrow St. Edward's Benevolent Society of St. Boniface church will celebrate its golden jubilee in religious manner. The members will attend mass and receive holy communion in the morning and after the vesper service in the afternoon there will be a reunion.

VETS PRESENT FLAG.

The Spanish War Veterans of Greater Boston took advantage of the occasion of the blessing of the new school of the Sacred Heart parish at Roslindale to present the pastor, Rev. J. F. Cummins, a United States flag, a State flag, a flag pole and bunting for the building in recognition of his services to the sick soldiers at Montauk Point in 1898. Many prominent men, including Mayor Curley, attended the exercises.